

Application No. 09/738,992

**Amendments to the Specification:**

1. Please replace the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph beginning on page 5, line 9:

Each annotation is stored in the form of an "object", the format of which is illustrated in Fig. 3. Each object comprises: a document identifier 32 for identifying the image of the document on which the annotation was made; a location identifier 34 for identifying the location of the annotation in the image of the document; a time stamp 36 indicating the time and/or date the annotation was detected; an author identifier 38 for identifying the author (or at least the originating workstation) of the annotation; and a bitmap 40 of the annotation itself.